

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, MS A-33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public
Works - Environmental Services Unit
Attn: Masha Landau
5510 Overland Ave, Suite 410, MS O-332
San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: ADVERTISE AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR SPRING VALLEY OUTFALL SEWER DIVERSION AND METER ABANDONMENT PROJECT (DISTRICT: 1)

Project Location: San Diego County: Spring Valley. This is County of San Diego sanitation facilities on Sanitation District owned land (APN 565-290-46), located in the City of Chula Vista.

Project Applicant: County of San Diego Department of Public Works
5510 Overland Ave Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The proposed project will construct approximately 100 linear feet of new 54" PVC sewer line that will bypass the obsolete, deteriorating chambers. Construction will also include two new 60-inch maintenance holes that will allow the new sewer line to connect into the existing 54" sewer line. The existing structures and associated piping will be filled with slurry cement and abandoned in-place. Construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2020 and to be completed in early 2021. The funding source is San Diego County Sanitation District Fund's available prior year fund balance.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Cynthia Curtis Telephone: (858) 694-3906

Date Form Completed: July 8, 2020

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on July 8, 2020 (#09) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
- Statutory Exemption. C Section:
- Categorical Exemption. G Section: 15301
- G 15182 - Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
- G 15061(b)(1) - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from CEQA review the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination." This includes publicly owned existing facilities used to provide sewage. The key consideration in determining whether this exemption applies is whether the project involves "negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination". The proposed project consists of the award of a construction contract to allow for replacement and maintenance of a deteriorating sewer pipeline. Therefore, the project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines because it involves the maintenance of existing public facilities involving no or negligible expansion of existing use. The following is to be completed only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: (858) 694-3906

Name (Print): Cynthia Curtis Title: Environmental Planning Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.